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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner : Cybille Delacroix Muirheid
Group : 1614
Applicants : Paul R. Sleath et al.
Application No. : 09/670,106 Confirmation No.: 5809
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Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the April 23, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, the time for filing this response is extended up to and including October 23, 2003.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.